

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PODIATRY

Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 10:00 AM

Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
Conference Room E – 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

I. Minutes

Review and approval of the minutes from March 19, 2008 and April 18, 2008.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Information Update

*Health Assistance interVention Education Network
for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)*

B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

III Old Business

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

IV Legal Office Business

A. Robert Januska, DPM - Petition No. 2008-0314-019-001

Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges - David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH

B. David G. Sharnoff, DPM - Petition No. 2006-1108-019-007

Presentation of Consent Order – Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH

V. Additional Items

ADJOURN

The Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry held a meeting on March 19, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman
Richard Cutler, DPM
Leo Veleas, DPM – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Vita Hardy

Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Veleas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that four cases are currently being investigated by the Department of Public Health. Two additional cases have been referred the Department's Legal Office for further review.

B. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

The reviewed a letter from Nabil Atweh, MD, Chairman, Department of Surgery, Bridgeport Hospital who asked if podiatrists can monitor and treat foot and ankle disorders using hyperbaric oxygen therapy in a wound care setting.

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide advice to the Board. Attorney Shapiro explained the procedures and requirements for issuing a declaratory ruling.

Dr. Pressman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, that the Board initiate a declaratory ruling proceeding to answer Dr. Atweh's question. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board suggested that notice of the proceeding be sent to the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association, the Connecticut State Medical Society, the Connecticut Medical Examining Board and the Connecticut Hospital Association.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Veleas, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry

The Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry held a meeting on April 18, 2008 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut.

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| <i>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</i> | Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman – <i>via telephone</i> Richard Cutler, DPM – <i>via telephone</i> Vita Hardy – <i>via telephone</i> |
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| <i>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</i> | Leo Veleas, DPM Christine Willey |
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Dr. Pressman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Robert Januska, DPM - Petition No. 2008-0314-019-001

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Robert Januska, DPM. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Respondent was not present or represented.

Ms. Hardy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cutler, that based on the documents presented, there exists a threat to public health and safety which warrants the Summary Suspension of Dr.

Januska's license; therefore, the Department's motion to summarily suspend should be granted.

The motion passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for April 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Cutler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hardy, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin M. Pressman, DPM, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners in Podiatry